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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Page 4, paragraph [0020]:

[0020] Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 are schematic representations of a medical devices in accordance with ~~an~~ two embodiments of the invention.

Page 9, paragraph [0035]:

[0035] It also may be useful to coat the polymer matrix portion with an additional polymer layer, which may serve, for example, as a barrier layer to retard diffusion of the antimicrobial agent and extend release time. For example, the barrier layer may be selected from those polymer materials discussed above that are effective to retard diffusion. An example of a medical device design that embodies this approach is presented in Fig. 3. As in Fig. 2 above, the medical device, represented by the numeral 20, includes a polymer matrix 22 and a surfactant region 24. However, Fig. 3 further contains a barrier layer 23, between the polymer matrix 22 and surfactant region 24. Other techniques for extending the release time of the antimicrobial agent include maximizing polymer matrix depth and choosing antimicrobial agents with low solubility.

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AMENDMENTS TO DRAWING FIGURES

Fig. 3 has been added to illustrate a barrier layer as requested in the Office Action.

A new sheet containing Fig. 3 is attached.